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BROWNBACK URGES KANSANS TO REMEMBER FLAG DAY

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today offered the following comments, urging Kansans to remember tomorrow – June 14 – as Flag Day, and a date commemorating other significant milestones in American history.

“Washington, D.C. is a city in which a flag can be found on almost every block,” Brownback said. “States, including Kansas, have their flags proudly flown around Union Station. Foreign flags mark the entrances to the numerous embassies in the northwest part of the city. And of course, the Stars and Stripes is to be found standing proudly atop our nation’s Capitol, the White House, the Supreme Court, shadowing the Vietnam Wall and other Veterans memorials, and in various other businesses and residential areas.

“When I see our American flag, many thoughts come to mind. I think of the brave men and women, many of whom have paid the ultimate price, serving our country and the principles on which it was founded – principles of duty to respect fellow citizens and to honor and protect our country in time of need. I think of the thirteen original colonies symbolized by the seven red and six white stripes. I think of the struggle which, as Lincoln described, ‘brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.’

“This year, June 14th takes on special significance in that it not only marks the observance of Flag Day – the anniversary of the creation of the United States flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777; it also commemorates the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Army, the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, and the 25th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

“Old Glory does stand for a great nation with a proud heritage. Therefore, let us honor the flag by displaying this patriotic symbol outside of our homes and by taking a few moments to recite the pledge of allegiance,” Brownback said.